long in danger of going up in smoke, may rest secure from all enemies but the hashrest Old Clinton Hall has had a curious and interesting history. In the days when the old Knickerbockers of Washington Square went to hear Ros- ave. sini, and-if Philip Hone's opinion may be taken as a sample-found fault with the opera because it was too long and in a foreign language, Clinton Hall was their "Metropolitan."

It was built by subscription in 1847, and christened the Astor Place Opera House. times it was used for concerts, balls and dramas. was then that the English actor, Charles Macready's attempt to play "Macbeth" in face of the mob led to the Astor Place riot. Macready and Edwin Forrest had long been bitter rivals. In London Forrest was hissed by Macready's friends, and the same fortune befell Macready in

On the night of May 7, 1849, Macready began his engagement, and at the same time Forrest appeared in "Macbeth" at the Broadway Theatre. the building, but outside they were powerless. 7th Regiment, under Colonel Duryce, was called to the scene. After being pelted with paving stones and repeated orders to the crowd to disperse, the order was given to fire. men were reluctant, and only heard. scattered clicks were This only increased the anger of the mob, and the order was repeated, and this time was responded to by a ringing volley. The crowd fell back, and after two more volleys dispersed, leaving twentythree of their number dead and twenty-two wounded in the street. The lower elements long denounced the action of the authorities as murder, but a coroner's jury and the best public opin-

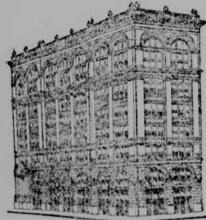
ORIGIN OF THE LIBRARY. found it the property of the Clinton Hall Association and the home of the Mercantile Library. Broadway," to meet at the Tontine Coffee House men, turning fully 1,000 men out of work. volumes and 150 members.

ion justified it.

still regularly swept, however, and the cash exerted themselves to provide the strikers with drawer remained untouched, and the conservatives work at Golden Gate Park. began to wonder what they had been afraid of. In 1826 the library had increased to 6,000 volumes and made its home in Cliff-st., in the buildby which it was to hold and administer all prop-

Court now stands, at Reekman and Nassau sts. was dedicated in November, 1830, and named its first gift book, a history of England. In the scholarships in perpetuity to the library, and in the same. Owing to amendments to the charters of of these institutions they were afterward with

As the residence portion of the city moved north and the collection of books increased, a difference of opinion arose between the two associations. Clinton Hall Association wanted to go uptown, and after a long contest carried its point. Clinton Hall was sold to the Nassau Bank for \$100,000 and the Astor Place Opera House was purchased for \$250,000, and became the new Clinton Hall. A debt of \$25,000 was left on the building. The library became seriously crippled during the war, but in 1866 its entire debt was cancelled. Since then the library has been uniformly prosperous, its property and membership steadily increasing. Now in turn another building is to become the new Clinton Hall, and the Opera House, with its brief success, its bloody riot and musty treasures, will soon be known only in memory and old



LAST OF AN OLD LANDMARK

CLINTON HALL IN ASTOR PLACE TO BE

REBUILT.

ANTERESTING HISTORY OF THE STRUCTURE—A

FINE HOME TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Another old landmark is about to disappear.

The Mercantile Library needs a new home, and a fireproof building will be seen in Astor Place and Right Work Lity during the Revolutionary War, brought to gether by Abraham Tomlinson. In 1861 the filterary published a volume of extracts from the library was profusely decorated for the twenty-ninth festivity of the kind, and so large was the attendance that the library published a volume of extracts from the library of the Reithel Library numbers of Atlantic; of the Reithel Hebrer Clarifles will be \$15,000\$ richer be cause of it. The boxes, which were anctioned off at prices ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, were occupied to \$1.000, were occupied to \$2.000, were occupi fireproof building will be seen in Astor Place within a year, where the literary treasures, so long in danger of going up in smoke, may rest secure from all enemies but the bookworm. Old Clinton Hall has had a curious and interesting history. In the days when the old Knicker-

ave, will be the home of the main horary while the new building is being erected.

For many years a lecture course was one of the attractions of the library. On its platform Recher, Gough, Mrs. Scott-Siddons and Gerald Massey have spoken. Thackeray there made his first appearance in New-York when, in 1854, he delivered his lecture on the "Four Georges." Later Mark Twain was heard there, while still a timid humorist belonging to the West. The association from England to give the Chamber of Commerce his views on finance, it gave up its lecture course

SOME OF THE PRESENT OFFICERS. Sundland, and of the Clinton Hall Association, Isaac H. Batley. William T. Peoples is the librarien and has a force of fourteen persons under The Opera House was packed with low characters, about forty-seven years ago. He is a graduate of but in spite of their hoots and missiles Macready went through his part, and announced that he would finish his engagement. He was answered by a poster, headed "Workingmen, Shall Americans or English Rule in this Country?" The crowd was inflamed. The police protected the inside of the health and the healt of the old Astor Place Opera House into the granite of the new Clinton Hall.

## IN THE GOLDEN STATE.

LABOR TROUBLES-STORMS-SHIPMENT OF WINES-THEATRICALS.

San Francisco, March 8 .- There has been much public discussion this week over the condition of After the Academy in Fourteenth-st, was built large number of men are out of employment, a lace the Opera House declined, and the year 1854 fact due partly to strikes and partly to the shut ing demand for goods. The stormy weather and the This library was founded in 1820. In "The failure of railway communications have had a Commercial Advertiser" of November 3, in that disastrous effect on the jobbing trade and all year, appeared a notice to "the young men of trade; and this has reacted on the manufacturers. South-st., Front, Water, Pearl, Maiden Lane and In the face of all this came a strike of foundry on November 9. About 200 attended, and the re- effort to provide work for those in distress result was the opening of the Mercantile Library in sulted in lamentable failure, because the trades February, 1821, at No. 49 Fulton-st., with 700 insisted upon interfering, and persuaded men who have families depending upon The old merchants by no means favored the them for support to refuse A little knowledge was a dangerous per day, because the regular union price was \$2 It set their clerks' thoughts roving, and per day. Upon learning of this, there was a sudden loss of sympathy on the part of the men who had

Then the leaders of the unemployed sent dispatches to Senator Stanford, declaring that people were starving here, and asking him to get auing of Harper & Brothers. Two years later the thority for the distribution of rations at Presidio perchants were in thorough sympathy with the by General Miles. When the news of this disinstitution, and a subscription, headed by Arthur patch was received, it created indignation here, as it was held to be exaggerated and also injurious building. The Clinton Hall Association resulted to the reputation of the city. What gives the sile cov from this movement, and a compact was formed whole matter an evil look is that P. D. McKinley, and graves secretary of the "Unemployed Committee," is erty which it might acquire for the benefit of the actively at work trying to get the Supervisors to declare that in all street contracts hours shall constitute a day's eight work and that wages shall be \$2 a day. Thus what should be an unselfish measure for the in honor of DeWitt Clinton, from whom it received relief of suffering is converted into a scheme of the labor demogaques. Wages are much higher same year Columbia College granted two free here than in any part of the East, and they cannot be maintained much longer, as the price 1845 the University of the City of New-York did of living is cheap. But the trades unions are determined to sustain the high wages, and they are simply using the present distress of the working people for their own purposes. A meeting

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J. Jacobs: 4, S. M. Swartz; 5, James H. Hofman; 6, Solo-mon B. selemet; 7, Mr. Isnars; 8, Max Rerror; 9, H. Hable; 10, M. Geldsmith; 11, S. J. Held; 12, Mrs. Asron

Co. S., A. Vella, 33, E. Bamberger; 38, Heary Rice; 39, F. Stanton; 40, Hyman Blum; 41, J. F. Bamberger; 42, H. Solomon; 43, G. A. Cohen; 44, S. L. Fatman; 45,

yesterday, at which measures were taken for securing subscriptions to relieve the needy.

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The severest storms of the season prevailed this week in North California, and resulted in more landslides on the Oregon and California Railway, which was recently opened after a block-nade of about six weeks. This storm extended as far south as the lower part of the San Joaquin Valley. Fruit trees are in boson in many places, but it is feared that they may be caught by irost, but it is feared that they may be caught by irost. The failure of Belloa Freres' banking house bad no effect in the city, as this old firm had business relations mainly with members of the French Colony. It was a great surprise, however, as all the members of the firm were regarded as conservative. The trouble is in the parts headquarters of the firm; and it is feared that payment will not be made. Should the losses fall upon the depositors, it will cause much suffering, as many trust estates are represented among the creditors.

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Treasurer James Rich, Captain Wayne Litzenberg, P. A. J.

H. B. Rohn, Jacob Ruppert, E. Schweyer, Colonel Jaco Ruppert, John G. Gillig, Henry Huggerine Rosenfeld, Charles Fahranbach, John C. De George Scitz, Adam Neidlinger, August Wolf, Henry

Mr. and Mrs. John Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boderick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Volk

Mr. and Mrs. John Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scherd.
Mr. and Mrs. George Pabst.

Zebulon Lodge No. 8, Independent Order of Free
Sons of Israel, held its annual masquerade ball at
the Lexington Avenue Opera House on Monday evening. Some of the guests were:

Plane and Organ da disner in the third week

The fish markets continue to be well supplied Fresh-caught salmen is arriving in market from the pound.

# COTERIES AT LAKEWOOD,

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Papper, T. Constable, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Stine, Lawrence K. Barrymore, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Arnold, T. B. Underhill, Miss Rothschild, Mrs. H. Bowgan, Miss T. Bowman, David F. Arnold, and Mr. and Mrs. brooklyn the following visitors

## THEATRICAL AMUSEMENTS.

ACTORS TRYING TO OVERCOME THE DUL-NESS OF THE SEASON.

The opportunity which Mr. Daly is offering to the frequenters of his theatre to see once more an excep-tionally careful and the production of a Shakesperean play that is not often attempted on such a scale should not be neglected by those who would have a beautiful picture fixed in their memories. "A Midsutamer Night's Dream" will hold the stage at that theatre for the rest of the season, but the season closes unusually early this year, on account of Mr. Daly's arrangement for visiting England with his company, and the time will not be long.

The present week is likely to be the last that Signor Salvini will ever spend in New-York as an actor, and the significance of this fact should not be overlooked. He will give five performances at the Broadway Theatro. To morrow evening he will play "The Gladi-ator," on Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon "Othello," on Thursday "Samson," and Friday "The Outlaw." Alexander salvini will play "Don Caesar de Bazan" on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

or this season at the Metropolitan Opera House. The Wagner Cyclus" will be continued this week, with "Tristan and Isolde" to-morrow night, "Rheingold" n Wednesday, "Die Walkure" on Friday and "Rheincold" again on Saturday afternoon. The most of hese operas will not be given again this season.

"Aunt Jack" company will have an adventure Performances at the regular hours in two cities 240

in number, will attend the performance to-morrow by to remember their visit.

Representatives of the best class of English con actors will give place at the Fifth Avenue Theatre this week to representatives of the best class of players in The Jefferson Florence combination, Mrs. John Drew and Miss Viola Allen, will play "The Rivals" this week. There will be only a few per formances of it, as the whole engagement is for only weeks, and "The Heir at Law" is to be presented before the end of it.

If plays and what shall become of "The Charity Ball" at the Lyceum Theatre? The fact is that the piece is quiet one, though with a strong interest in its story at Palmer's Theatre as at the Savoy

The play will stay at Proctor's Theatre till April 19 vill come back again next season, to be the open ing attraction after the summer vacation.

iven an especially festive appearance to the Star Is that there will be no change till the end. every evening this week except Tuesday. The list of anouncements is as follows: Monday, Possart in King Lears: Tuesday, Streitmann in "The Seven

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Satur-The often repeated "Paul Kauvar" will reap norrow night, this time at Nihlo's Garden, where it the Grand Opera House this week, and the cast will

being accomplished, the curtain is rung down.

Harry Lacy returns to town this week and appears
at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, in "The Still Alarm,"
with the usual adjuncts of horses and a fire engine.
The piece usually arouses a good deal of enthusiasm

company to play the piece in a few other cities before the close of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a

## IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

SOME THINGS SAID AND DONE.

The social observance of Lent has now become ever

marked than its religious observance. ome features of this social observance are very For instance, you musn't go to a p hall in Lent. To do so would not only prove you to be a religious scoffer, but worse still, show you to be deficient in good form. You can, however, go to dinner parties ad libitum, where you may partake o such simple penitential dishes as pate de fole and diamond-back terrapin, washed down by such orthodox wines as lachrimae Christl. You can accep an invitation to a Lenten theatre party without doing any violence to your spiritual nature; but to go the play, is, in the opinion of many social leaders, quite But perhaps the most characteristi feature of the social Lenten season is the Lenten and readings on Delsarte, and Castles in SI Browning, and Cooking, and the Holy Land, and m, and Early English history, and on In the meanwile it may be me tioned incidentally that various churches are holding special Lenten services, but with the exception hose on the avenue, the attendance at these ser vices is not better than usual. Society is too busy bserving Lent in its own way to have any time to poky services in a dimly lighted church.

In the old days in England there was also a socia bservance of Lent outside of the religious servi which all the inhabitants of a town were against each other. Compared with these old Lenten games of football, the modern game of football i mild and gentle. Heads were cut open, legs and arms were broken, and once in awhile a player was Another popular Lenten sport was coc throwing, a pastime which called forth all the religious zeal and enthusiasm of the gentle Churchmen which distance the best young men of the pari stood, and threw stones of a certain size and weight at the helpless bird. killed him got his body; a fresh bird was adjusted to the stake, and the throwing went on. Another popular pastime was cock chasing. The wings of the cock were tied and then he was let loose. The runners had their arms tied and were obliged to catch the bird with their teeth. The man who thus caught him was the king bee of the parish till next Lent. In describing our modern social ob Lent I may have seemed somewhat unappreciative. but I gladly acknowledge its vast superiority to this good old English method. There is brutality enough to-day, as witness our puglistic exhibitions, and our ecency not to cover them with the sacred mantle of When I think of Lenten cock throwing, naven't a word to say against a Lenten lecture on Deisarte, or even a Lenten theatre party.

Dr. Morgan Dix has the reputation of being a pretty bound ecclesiastic that some people suppose him to be. Many will doubtless recall a noteworthy sermen which preached in Trinity Church a few years ago, in which he plead for the widest possible toleration of such a policy by such a man was a surprisgeneral public. But it is a policy which Dr. Dix has always displayed in his treatment of religious quesous invitation to Phillips Brooks to preach apart as the poles. And yet the great Churchman was large-minded enough to invite the great preacher o speak in his pulpit. And we may be sure that there were no restrictions laid on the preacher as to what he should say or how he should say it.

It is well known that the Methodist Church suports a large number of periodicals which are declared cial organs of the Church. Besides these official organs there are a number of independent

the Grand Opera House this week, and the cast will contain several members of the company that played the piece recently at Palmer's Theatre. Plays of this sort are usually popular at the big West side house.

"The County Fair" has held its own well at the Union Square Theatre through the various evils that have served to make theatrical business generally poor this season. It has stood bad weather and the grip, and the houses are still good for the most part. There will be a souvenir night soon, and an elaborate memento is promised.

"The City Directory" will no doubt stay for a long time at the Hijou Theatre, which is crowded every night with people who come to laugh and do not care to do anything else. The laughter is no doubt provided on a large scale, and then, the purpose of the piece being accomplished, the curtain is rung down.

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at the Fourfeenth Street Theatre, in "The Still Alarm, with the usual adjuncts of horses and a fire engine. The piece usually arouses a good deal of enthusiaem and pleases those who have a taste for the realistic production of scenes of every-day city life on the stage. Frank Daniels has engagements outside New York which will prevent his playing "Little Puck" at the New Park Theatre beyond April 5. If it were not for this it is thought that he could stay for a considerable time longer. His first engagement after leaving here is in Broodlyn.

Denman Thompson is under contract to play "The Old Homestead" at the Academy of Music all next season, and reports that he will appear in Chicago or anywhere else at that time are therefore instalies. The present week is the 100th of the run.

Fishery Rosenfeld has been heard to say that he would keep "The Stepping stone" on the stage of the scason. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season. The twenty fifth performance takes place on Wednesday, and it is announced as a large of the season.